

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 48*Senate State Administration**7 March 2007**Presented by:**Brigadier General Stan R. Putnam**Asst Adjutant General, Army**Department of Military Affairs**On Behalf of:**Major General Randy Mosley**The Adjutant General*

Madam Chairman, members of the committee, for the record my name is Brigadier General Stan R. Putnam, the Assistant Adjutant General for the Montana Army National Guard. I appear here today on behalf of Major General Randall D. Mosley, the Adjutant General, who is currently engaged in another legislative committee meeting.

House Bill 48 is a bill to extend the sunset provisions the current statute which deals with tuition waivers that deal with Montana National Guardsmen. The Montana National Guard and the Board of Regents have been working cooperatively to implement this program, but require additional time to work out all the details.

The Soldier's and Airmen of the Montana National Guard, have been serving around the World over the past two years, protecting our freedom and way of life. These are Montana's Best, stepping forward to protect our freedom and way of life. These soldiers and airmen deserve to be led by the best leaders we have to offer.

On behalf of the Soldier's and Airmen, The Department of Military Affairs, stands strongly in support of House Bill No 48.